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HOMEMAKERS' CHAT

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SUBJECT: Last Call for Gardeners...Information from Victory Garden Headquarters of the United States Department of Agriculture.

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This is a last call for victory gardeners. While spring has been here for well over two weeks, the garden specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture say it's not too late to start a good garden.

The reason for gardening are many and varied.

First and foremost, we need all the food we can grow. Wartime demands on our commercial food supply are tremendous. And it's not a question of our liking to meet those demands if we could. We've got to do it. Each homemaker who grows some of her family's food in her garden is helping. She's lightening the demand on food from commercial stocks so it can be used to fill wartime demands.

Or we could approach it from another angle. The homemaker who grows and puts up part of her own vegetable supply is sure of having what she'll want. She isn't dependent on weather in other parts of the country or on overloaded transportation facilities or any of the other things that could upset her plans for a dinner. She has the food she likes in her garden or on her pantry shelf...and she can get them whenever she likes.

Another thing. Even with a small garden, the homemaker can save on her grocery bill. It's cheaper to grow your own. But not only is it cheaper...it's fun. Gardening can be a kind of game the whole family'll enjoy.

Yes...the reason for gardening are many. We could go on and on. But it's past time to get started. If you have or can get a sunny plot of ground rich enough to grow a good crop of weeds....and if you plan to use it...now's the time to begin.

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